

CIRCULAR :

Mint of the United States,

PHILADELPHIA, DEC'R 21, 1853.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT gives notice, that payment for silver purchases for the Mint at Philadelphia, are made in silver coins of new emission, or in gold coins, at the option of the owner of the silver, or his agent.

Silver coins are paid out in any denomination required, in exchange for gold coins, or in payment of gold deposits.

At the New Orleans Branch Mint, the value of the silver purchased will be paid either in gold or silver coins, as may be determined by the Superintendent, and exchanges of silver for gold will be made, as far as practicable, in view of the supply of silver coin on hand. The same rule will apply to the San Francisco Branch Mint when it commences operations.

The prices to be paid for silver at the Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco Mints are as follows:—

For dollars of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chili and Spain; for francs, and for silver coin of the United States, other than the three cents, \$1.21 an ounce gross.

For thalers of Sweden, and of the Northern States of Germany, \$1.01 an ounce.

For silver in bars, for mixed coins, and for other silver coins, not therein specified, \$1.21 for each ounce at standard fineness (nine-tenths) as determined on assay at the Mint and the Branches above named.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.